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**Sent:** 11/13/2019 3:03:11 PM  
**To:** Bob Poole [bpoole@wsa.org]  
**Subject:** Re: EPA Administrator Andrew Wheeler Calls for Nominations for the 2020 Presidential Environmental Youth Awards and Presidential Innovation Awards for Environmental Educators

Please resend this email with his contact information as well so that I can forward your email back to DC.

Best regards,  
Mike Stoker  
Southwest Region Administrator US-EPA

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On Nov 13, 2019, at 5:53 AM, Bob Poole <bpoole@wsa.org> wrote:

**Mike,**

I would like to recommend Dr. Sean Anderson with California State University Channel Islands. I have been associated with Dr. Anderson for several years now and have had the opportunity to not only become intimately aware of much of the fine work he is doing both in the areas of research and education. Of particular note is his private-sector engagement working on issues related to energy and the environment. One example of this is his current work helping to gather regional data (Ventura County) on emission monitoring involving implementation of California's AB617 legislation. His bio is provided below. Please let me know if you need anything further

Thank you

Bob

Bob Poole  
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**Dr. Sean Anderson**

Professor, Environmental Science and Resource Management

## Education

Postdoctoral Fellow, Center for Conservation Biology,  
Stanford University

Ph.D. Population Biology, UC Los Angeles

B.S. Ecology and Evolution; Environmental Studies, UC Santa  
Barbara

## Biography

Sean Anderson is a broadly trained ecologist who has tackled environmental questions from Alaska to the South Pole. While pursuing his Ph.D. in marine population biology at UCLA, Sean became increasingly interested in restoration ecology, eventually heading up a large salt marsh restoration effort at Mugu Lagoon in Ventura County, California. After graduate school, Sean joined Paul Ehrlich's Center for Conservation Biology at Stanford University and began expanding his restoration and conservation work into terrestrial systems. This included everything from managing mountain lions, to assessing the economic impacts of invasive grasses, to designing museum exhibits on sustainable product design.

Sean joined the then three-year old California State University Channel Islands in 2005 as an assistant professor of Environmental Science and Resource Management. Since then, he has created a unique restoration curriculum at CSU Channel Islands. His novel approach to teaching emphasizes community service and includes a course wherein students travel to New Orleans, Louisiana to examine drivers of wetland loss and policy failures, conduct post-Hurricane Katrina (and now post-Deepwater Horizon) environmental impact assessments, rebuild homes, and install community food gardens. Sean's energetic and innovative teaching efforts were acknowledged with the Maximus Outstanding Faculty of the Year award in 2007.

His research centers around three major areas 1) restoring degraded ecosystems, 2) improving the management of the coastal zone, and 3) the scholarship of pedagogy. His large-

scale ecological restoration projects across California, Louisiana, and eastern Turkey (for which his team was awarded the 2008 Whitley Gold Award for International Conservation) usually focus on wetland or riparian systems. His coastal zone management work includes quantifying the effects of roads on mobile animals in southern California, evaluating the sustainability of seafood options available for purchase in California, and assessing the impact of pollutants on marine and estuarine systems. He created the NCEAS National Working Group on the Ecotoxicology of Gulf Oil Spill to investigate the long-term ecological consequences of the largest marine oil spill in U.S. history. Most recently he is spearheading a new consortium for the use of Remotely Piloted Systems (UAVs & ROVs) to improve the management of coastal systems.

Sean is an elected or appointed member of several working groups, boards, and joint power authorities, including the Ventura County Resource Conservation District, Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy Advisory Committee, California's Sustainable Seafood Initiative Panel, and the Council on Ocean Affairs, Science and Technology. When not teaching or conducting research, Sean fails to help his wife clean the house and builds ever more complex LEGO landscapes with his son.

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From: "Stoker, Michael B." <[stoker.michael@epa.gov](mailto:stoker.michael@epa.gov)>

Date: 11/9/19 7:56 AM (GMT-08:00)

To: Joe Armendariz <[joe@armendarizpartners.com](mailto:joe@armendarizpartners.com)>, Bob Poole <[bpoole@wsps.org](mailto:bpoole@wsps.org)>

Subject: FW: EPA Administrator Andrew Wheeler Calls for Nominations for the 2020 Presidential Environmental Youth Awards and Presidential Innovation Awards for Environmental Educators

Joe and/or Bob,

Do you have any recommendations for me. I'd love to get as many awardees in Region 9 as possible.

Best regards,  
Michael Stoker  
Regional Administrator, Region 9, US-EPA

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**From:** EPA Press Office <[press@epa.gov](mailto:press@epa.gov)>

**Sent:** Thursday, November 7, 2019 7:00 AM

**To:** Stoker, Michael B. <[stoker.michael@epa.gov](mailto:stoker.michael@epa.gov)>

**Subject:** EPA Administrator Andrew Wheeler Calls for Nominations for the 2020 Presidential Environmental Youth Awards and Presidential Innovation Awards for Environmental Educators

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**EPA Administrator Andrew Wheeler Calls for Nominations for the  
2020 Presidential Environmental Youth Awards and Presidential  
Innovation Awards for Environmental Educators**

*Applications due by January 15, 2020*

WASHINGTON (Nov. 7, 2019) – Today, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Administrator Andrew Wheeler announced that EPA’s Office of Environmental Education is now accepting applications for the 2020 Presidential Environmental Youth Awards (PEYA) and Presidential Innovation Awards for Environmental Educators (PIAEE). Winners will be invited to Washington, D.C. in mid-2020 to be honored by the agency and present their work in a poster session.

“Each year, the Trump Administration proudly administers the prestigious Presidential Environmental Youth Awards and Presidential Innovation Awards for Environmental Educators to recognize outstanding U.S. students and teachers that are dedicated to furthering environmental education in their classrooms and communities,” **said EPA Administrator Andrew Wheeler**. “Those selected demonstrate an unwavering commitment to educating others and raising awareness of environmental issues in order to promote a cleaner, healthier environment for future generations.”

“From land restoration efforts and forest management to cleaning up marine debris, it was encouraging to see the commitment that teachers and students have to improving their communities, promoting environmental stewardship, and furthering environmental education at the 2019 awards ceremony,” **said Council on Environmental Quality Chairman Mary Neumayr**. “I encourage students and teachers from across the country to apply for the 2020 awards, and I’m looking forward to assisting Administrator Wheeler as this process moves forward.”

## **BACKGROUND**

Established by the 1990 National Environmental Education Act (NEEA), PEYA recognizes outstanding environmental stewardship projects from Kindergarten to 12th grade, by promoting environmental awareness and encouraging community involvement. Also established by the 1990 National Environmental Education Act, PIAEE recognizes outstanding K-12 grade educators who integrate environmental and place-based, experiential learning into school curricula and school facility management across the country. Under NEAA, the White House Council on Environmental Quality assists EPA in administering the PIAEE awards program.

## **ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ON THE 2020 AWARDS**

EPA is seeking 2020 PEYA and PIAEE award applications for projects on a variety of environmental topics, including (but not limited to), projects on:

- reducing food waste and loss and excess food recovery efforts;
- reducing contributions to ocean and marine litter;
- solutions in recycling;
- using science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) to teach environmental education;
- environmental sustainability;
- sustainable agricultural practices; and

- healthy school environments

**The Presidential Environmental Youth Awards (PEYA)** recognizes outstanding environmental stewardship projects from grades K-12, by promoting environmental awareness and encouraging community involvement. EPA will select up to two winners in each of EPA's 10 Regions - one regional winner for grades K-5, and one regional winner for grades 6-12. Winners of next year's awards will be invited to participate in an awards ceremony and poster session in Washington, D.C. in mid-2020, and their projects will also be highlighted on EPA's website. All student projects must be sponsored by at least one adult over the age of 21. And, if the sponsor is not a teacher, the project must have a teacher as a co-sponsor. The application and eligibility information are available at: <https://www.epa.gov/education/presidents-environmental-youth-award>.

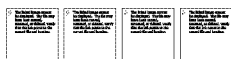
**The Presidential Innovation Award for Environmental Educators (PIAEE)** recognizes outstanding teachers for K-12 who employ innovative approaches to environmental education. Up to two teachers from each of EPA's 10 regions, from different states, will be selected to receive this award. Teachers will receive a Presidential plaque and an award of up to \$2,500 to be used to further professional development in environmental education. Winning teachers' local education agencies will also receive awards of up to \$2,500 to fund environmental educational activities and programs. Winners of next year's awards will be invited to participate in an awards ceremony and poster session in Washington, D.C. in mid-2020, and their projects will also be highlighted on EPA's website. The application and eligibility information are available at: <https://www.epa.gov/education/presidential-innovation-award-environmental-educators>.

**Applications for both awards programs are due no later than January 15, 2020.**

For more information on the youth awards (PEYA), please contact: [PEYA@epa.gov](mailto:PEYA@epa.gov)

For more information on the teacher (PIAEE) award, please contact: [PIAEE@epa.gov](mailto:PIAEE@epa.gov).

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